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SUBJ: ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

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1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELPFUL LETTER OF OCTOBER 31. I
WILL RESPOND TO YOUR THOUGHTS MORE OR LESS IN THE ORDER
IN WHICH YOUR LETTER COVERS THEM.

A. WE ACCEPT LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING
THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE SANDERHOFF HOME WITH GREAT
PLEASURE.

B. AS YOU SUGGEST, PREFER NO SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ON
FRIDAY.

C. BRIEFING PAPERS ON ORGANIZATIONAL AND SUBSTANTIVE
MATTERS MAY BE BRIEF.

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D. PLANS FOR DINNER ON SATURDAY SOUND GOOD, PROVIDED
THIS NO IMPOSITION ON STAFF IN VIEW TOTAL ACTIVITIES
CAUSED BY THE VERY CLOSE PROXIMITY OF YOUR DEPARTURE
AND OUR ARRIVAL.

2. OTHER ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD AWAIT OUR ARRIVAL. MY

PREFERENCES, HOWEVER, TEND AS FOLLOWS:

A. RATHER THAN EARLY FORMAL MEETINGS WITH LARGE OR COMBINED GROUPS IN EMBASSY AND OTHER AGENCIES, I PREFER TO SPEND SOME TIME AS SOON AS I CAN IN WALKING AROUND TO EACH OFFICE AND MEETING ALL AMERICAN AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN THEIR PLACE OF WORK. THIS IS MORE ENJOYABLE TO ME AND ALSO GIVES A BETTER FEEL OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

B. A RECEPTION FOR NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS (PLUS A SMALL NUMBER OF MISSION STAFF AND WIVES) RATHER SOON IN THE GAME, PERHAPS IN A WEEK OR SO. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF A TENTATIVE GUEST LIST COULD BE MADE OUT.

C. PRESENTAION OF CREDENTIALS WITHIN A WEEK WOULD BE NICE BUT THINK IT GENERALLY BEST TO LET THEM WORK THIS OUT FOR THEIR OWN CONVENIENCE. SOME TIME TO GET A FEEL OF THINGS BEFORE HAND IS USUALLY GOOD AND NOT WASTED.

3. AS REGARDS YOUR OWN PLANS, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS: I WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY, AS SUGGESTED IN YOUR LETTER, OF TALKS WITH YOU OVER TWO OR THREE DAYS. AFTER THAT, IN VIEW OF YOUR LONG AND GOOD SERVICE IN PAKISTAN, YOU CAN PRETTY WELL WRITE YOUR OWN TICKET AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU BALANCE OFF YOUR LOCAL SITUATION WITH THE DESIRED TRAVEL PLANS OF YOURSELF AND FAMILY AND GO AHEAD WITH WHATEVER PLANS YOU DECIDE UPON. HAVING JUST GONE THROUGH THIS ALL OVER AGAIN, I KNOW THAT IT TAKES TIME. YOU NEED NOT AWAIT MY ARRIVAL THEREFORE TO SET YOUR OWN DATES AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS. BEST REGARDS. RUSH
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